

REMARKS

Claims 1, 8-23,, 30-40 are in the case.

Claims 17-23 and 30-40 are allowed.

Claims 1 and 8-16 are non-finally rejected under 35 USC § 103.

Claims 1 and 8-16 are canceled.

No new matter has been added.

Terminal disclaimer

Applicants gratefully take notice of the acceptance and recordation of the terminal disclaimer filed on 3/27/2007.

Claim Objections

Applicants thank the examiner for the explanation surrounding the previous objections to Claims 15, 16, 20, 24, 26-28, and 30-37.

Double Patenting

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the withdrawal of the double patenting rejection of claims 1-2, and 4-14 on the basis of the filing of the terminal disclaimer filed on 3/27/2007.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 1, and 8-16 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cavin et al. (Applied and Environmental Microbiology 64(4):1466-1471, 1998) in view of Lee et al. (Enzyme and Microbial technology 23:261-266, 1998).

Claims 1, and 8-16 have been canceled. In view of the cancellation of these claims applicants submit this rejection is moot.

Should there be any fee due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1928 (E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company).

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